MARKET RESEARCH NUMBER: W5J9JE-12-S-0001

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR "FEASIBILITY STUDY OF CONSTRUCTING A VEHICLE BRIDGE AT FEYZABAD"

PURPOSE: This Request For Information (RFI) is for informational and planning purposes only and shall not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation or commitment by the Government. This RFI is intended strictly for market research. The purpose of this RFI is to gain knowledge of interest, capabilities, and qualifications from interested general construction contractors who have the resources to perform the anticipated requirements.

CLARIFICATION: Proposals are not requested nor will be accepted with this RFI. Responses to this RFI will not be returned. Information provided will be used to assess the market. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this RFI are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO AWARD A CONTRACT OR REIMBURSE ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OR RESPONSES TO THIS RFI. No solicitation exists.

FEASIBILITY STUDY DESCRIPTION: The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting for construction firm input regarding the feasibility of constructing a bridge for vehicle traffic at Feyzabad Province in Afghanistan. The new bridge will be constructed next to an existing two lane bridge. The new bridge will expand the vehicular traffic at Feyzabad. Comments on the feasibility of constructing a new bridge next to the existing bridge are requested for the study. The feasibility study of the bridge will be constructed in compliance with the latest American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Load and Resistance Factor Design Bridge Design and Construction specifications. Included in this Request For Information is the location and conceptual layout. The bridge will be two lanes wide and four spans long with the longest span being 33 meters. Pre-stressed concrete or steel beams are anticipated for the superstructure, and concrete drilled shafts for deep foundations. Pre-stressed concrete beams can be cast and post-tensioned on site; steel beams can be fabricated in segments in a shop and bolt spliced on site, and either bored piles or caissons can be used for drilled shafts.

RESPONSE TO THIS RFI: Responses to this RFI are limited to three (3) pages and shall include the following information:

1. Vendor's name, address, e-mail address, phone number, AISA License number, JCCS number and point of contact

2. Please provide responses to the following questions:
    a. Is this bridge or equivalent construction feasible at this or another location in Badakhshan Province?
    b. What is the current condition of the roadway system from Kunduz and Kabul to Feyzabad?
    c. Can material and equipment required for the bridge construction be mobilized at the bridge site?
    d. What are the weather conditions at Feyzabad?

e. What are the reasonable weather delay days (no construction) for the bridge construction in Feyzabad?
f. Can the bridge construction be completed with 700 calendar days from Notice to Proceed?
g. Any other information deemed important for this feasibility study. Lessons learned from last bridge building project.

3. Provide description of vendor's qualifications, knowledge and experience in bridge building. Provide type, size, length, project amount, location, contract number and contract point of contact.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE and POINT OF CONTACT (POC) FOR INQUIRIES: Responses to this RFI must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm local (Kabul) time on October 23, 2011. Submit RFI response via electronic format only (email attachments in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf), Microsoft Word (.doc) or Microsoft Excel (.xls). Send responses to: Deogracias.c.solis@usace.army.mil with "FEASIBILITY STUDY OF CONSTRUCTING A VEHICLE BRIDGE AT FEYZABAD" in the subject line. Deo Solis will serve a POC for inquiries regarding this RFI.